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TO TALK EFFICIENCY FOR RURAL PASTORS

Lectures for Ministers During
Farmers' Week Will Cover
Country Problems.

IN OTHER LINES, TOO

Visitors May Attend Meetings
of State Associations and
Demonstrations.

Rural pastors of Missouri will have a chance to see the texts of many sermons put into practice during Farmers' Week at the University, January 3 to 7. A special course of lectures and addresses for rural ministers, the first to be offered at a farmers' conference in the United States, will be given. The course will cover subjects of direct interest to the ministers, discussion on conditions at meetings of such state associations as the Missouri Home Makers' Conference and Country Life Conference and demonstrations of methods of better farming.

Two one-hour lectures will be given, from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock each morning on questions of interest to rural leaders. These questions deal with the home, marriage, divorce, rural amusements, the country church and the country school. The lectures will be given by Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Missouri Bible College and Prof. L. L. Bernard and Prof. S. D. Gromer of the University.

Too often the work of the rural minister is hampered by his lack of practical knowledge, according to Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture. It is expected that the rural preacher may watch demonstrations and listen to lectures on improved methods of farming. This will give him, it is hoped, a better knowledge of real conditions and do much toward making him a more efficient community leader.

In the afternoon, the rural preacher may attend meetings of the state associations that are doing work directly related to his field.

The short course for rural preachers will probably be made a permanent part of the Farmers' Week programs.

POSTOFFICE READY FOR RUSH

Can Handle All the Mail Force Can
Read Addresses On.

"There is a big rush of Christmas mail," says Postmaster J. H. Guitart. "But we will be able to handle it all right and there will be no reason for delay. Extra help has been added for the holidays."

"Write plainly and put a return address on every article to be mailed," emphasizes Mr. Guitart. "Every year a great quantity of letters and Christmas packages are sent to the dead letter office because they were not addressed rightly. This leaves many disappointed."

Mr. Guitart says that everyone should watch the abbreviations of the states. "Some persons abbreviate Montana 'Mo,'" said Mr. Guitart.

Today there were two weights and checkers in the lobby of the postoffice to help persons who come with parcel post packages.

"Four men of the regular force in the postoffice are sick," said Mr. Guitart, "but we have enough men to handle the rush, and there should be no worry about the delay of incoming or outgoing mail. Write plainly is all I ask," said Mr. Guitart. "We will do the rest."

ALUMNUS TELLS WHO CAME BACK

Much Space in Magazine Given to
Thanksgiving Homecoming.

The December number of the Missouri Alumnus is out. It is the Missouri-Kansas game number.

The leading article is on the Missouri-Kansas football game, written by Robert W. Jones, A. B. '06. Three pages of the magazine are taken up with homecoming news. Following this is a list of all of those who returned to see the game.

A new department called "Your Column," has been added to the magazine. The purpose is to publish inquiries and information concerning alumni. There is more than the usual amount of personal news.

Out-of-Town Couple Get Licenses

A marriage license was issued today to Tracy Gilpin of Easley and Miss Nellie Martin of Ashland. They will be married Wednesday. Mr. Gilpin is 21 years old and Miss Martin is 19.

THEY SAY—

"A loyal citizenship," says John N. Taylor, "is Columbia's greatest need—loyalty to the town, to the schools,



to the merchants. Columbians should trade in Columbia. Entirely too much money is sent to mail order houses by our citizens. And the folly of it all is that the goods usually could have been bought in Columbia at the same price, with a better quality.

"Merchants here must keep up the standard of quality. If they sell you sand for sugar, it means the loss of a customer, but the mail order house is not responsible.

"Enough mail order business goes out of Columbia each month to maintain at least five additional stores here. Merchants here are prepared to take care of that business. The townspeople must show their loyalty to the merchants as well as to the other interests of the town."

1890 FOOTBALL MAN HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Burton Thompson, New York
Broker, an Organizer of
First Tiger Team.

Burton Thompson, one of the organizers of and player on the first Tiger team, will arrive in Columbia tonight to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Jones, and his mother, Mrs. L. E. Thompson, of 1323 Keiser avenue.

Mrs. L. E. Thompson told how the boys prepared themselves for this first game with Washington University, in which they were badly defeated. The game was played at St. Louis, November 28, 1890, and ended 28 to 0 in favor of Washington. "The boys laid great stress on the fact that they had clean suits and new caps," said Mrs. Thompson.

In a letter, Mr. Thompson told of the adventures of the first team in its first game. The team, according to Mr. Thompson, lacked experience

A YEAR-AROUND PAPER.

The University Missourian will be issued every day during the holidays, except the Sunday following Christmas and the Sunday following New Year's Day. The Missourian is a daily newspaper, issued six times every week the entire twelve months of the year.

and a thorough knowledge of the game. When they went to St. Louis, the Washington players used plays and tactics that they had never thought of. "The game was clean in spite of the new plays and we gained good experience from it," wrote Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson has not confined his work for the University to football. He was an organizer of the Missouri Club in New York. This club has done much to give the University publicity in the Empire State and has formed a society for the M. U. Alumni, who settle there.

Mr. Thompson was graduated from the School of Law in 1892. He has been in the real estate business since he left the University and is now a real estate broker in New York City. The Standard Arcade, said to be one of the finest office buildings in New York, was constructed under his supervision and he is now manager of it.

CIRCUIT COURT TO BEGIN JAN. 3

Unusually Heavy Docket Includes
Murder Trial of a Negro.

Two weeks' docket of the January term of the Boone County Circuit Court was set this morning by Circuit Clerk J. E. Boggs. The term will begin January 3. Joe McKimm, a negro, will be tried for the murder of Duskin Shears, a white man, January 11, according to the docket. There is an unusually heavy docket for this session of court. The term will probably last longer than two weeks.

Christmas Program at C. E. S.

The Christmas assembly will be held at the Columbia High School at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning. There will be a special program. School will close for the holidays at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon and will re-open at 8:25 a. m., January 3.

CHILDREN FORGET COLD LOOKING AT OLD SANTA

Speaking of holiday shoppers, they have been out in full force, walking up and down the streets, taking in the brisk, keen air and everything else in sight. Especially do they enjoy the window displays. For this year Christmas has it all over the other Christmases in extravagance and uniqueness of holiday window decorations.

For instance, there is one window where you must actually await your turn if you want to press your nose against the window pane and see your friend Santa. When you have finally squeezed yourself into a good place, you will see him just taking his last load out of his little cabin up at the North Pole. There is his sleigh, simply loaded with bundles there are his reindeer, all harnessed to the sleigh and awaiting only the cheery voice of Santa to start on their long trip, and far and near there is nothing but snow—great heaps of it, with pine trees half buried in its depths. As you stand there, with the cold Christmas wind blowing through your hair, trying to bite your gloved fingers, you feel a pity for old Santa who is soon to begin his trip.

Children Like to Watch Santa.

In another store on Eighth street, old Santa has arrived. Here the kiddies cluster all day and forget their cold fingers and their frost-bitten toes in the joy of actually seeing how Santa makes his entrance. For there he is, just out of the chimney, stealthily crossing from the fireplace to the tree in the room. He is going carefully, for fear of waking two children who are asleep in the bed in the corner.

HE WENT JUST ONCE TOO OFTEN

So Cohen Had Centralia Detained
After Selling Him Jewelry.

Unless the Kansas City Times has slipped on its address records, one Boone County man is now in trouble in Kansas City, Kan. This man is W. C. McGraw of Centralia, who, according to the Times, went once too often to give bogus checks for jewelry to Gilbert Cohen, a Kansas City jeweler. Here is the story:

Two weeks ago McGraw appeared at Cohen's shop and introduced himself as an intimate of Judge W. W. Lacy of the North Side city court. "I'll be wanting some odds and ends and the judge will tell you I'm all right," he said and left.

A few minutes later Cohen got a telephone call. The voice purported to be that of Judge Lacy.

"McGraw is an old friend of mine," said the voice. "He's good for anything he wants."

Another short intermission and McGraw returned. He picked out jewelry valued at \$50, gave a check on a bank at Centralia and left. Several days later the purported voice of Judge Lacy again sounded on the telephone.

"I want some things and I'm going to send McGraw down after them," it said. "He'll pay with his own check."

McGraw appeared again and selected a larger bill of goods this time, giving another check. Both checks came back soon afterwards. Cohen notified the police.

Yesterday the telephone rang again. The purported Judge Lacy was on the line a third time.

"This is Lacy," it said. "I want a few more trinkets as Christmas gifts. I'll send McGraw down to get them. His checks were all right weren't they?"

"Sure," said Cohen, "everything's lovely. He can have the store if he wants it. Much obliged for your patronage, judge."

McGraw was promptly on the scene. He was welcomed by Mr. Cohen himself and picked out more jewelry. When he had made out the third check and handed it to Cohen the latter coughed and two city detectives walked in.

Cohen had seen the real Judge Lacy in the meantime. McGraw told the police it was all a terrible mistake. "I've got the money in the bank at Centralia," he said. "Maybe I over-drew my account a little but that's all."

None of the jewelry has been recovered yet. McGraw's three checks totaled \$615.

Christmas Exercises for Grade Schools.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Columbia grade schools Thursday. Each grade will have separate exercises except in the Lee School where they will all combine. School will close for the holidays at 4 o'clock Thursday and will reopen at 8:45 o'clock January 3.

Grandma, seated by the table, has fallen asleep over her Bible and does not hear him approach. But—and this is what tickles the children most—just as he arrives at the tree, the little boy awakes, rouses up and watches Santa as he places a doll on the tree. Santa evidently hearing a noise, starts back, and the wily boy in the bed lies down to play "possum" until he leaves.

A window on Broadway has an electric train running on a toy track. There is also a toy automobile that sends the boys into ecstasies of delight as it races around and around its track.

Indians Are Interesting, Too.

"O mamma, look at the Indians," is the exclamation most heard as the children pass another window on Broadway. There is a field of snowy coconut shavings, interspersed with trees. Then there are Indians wandering all about, peering into the houses, riding bronchos and gazing at the large Christmas tree that occupies the center of the window.

In the windows of the grocery stores are heaps of golden oranges, mountains of colored candies and boxes of candied fruits. In those of the floral shops are the lovely potted plants, the azaleas, the poinsettias, the primroses and the begonias. On display at the dry goods stores are fancy dresses, suits and coats. The drug stores show toilet articles for mother, father, son and daughter. In the jewelers' windows are combs, cameos, rings, pins and necklaces. In fact, the average person who goes to town without thought of buying would have to possess the self-denial of a saint to keep from spending his last penny.

MAYOR HAS A CITY HALL SITE

Would Place Proposed Structure
Where Junk Pile Has Been.

"Columbia needs a new city hall and needs it badly," said Mayor J. M. Batterton yesterday. "Columbia has outgrown her present city hall and should build a new city hall to do not only for the present but also for the years to come."

Mayor Batterton suggested the lot south of the courthouse as an ideal place for the city hall. This has been the site of a junk pile. Mr. Batterton said that this was a better location because it is nearer the center of the business district.

Mr. Batterton said also that there is not ample room in the present police station. "There are only two rooms of any account to keep prisoners in," said Mr. Batterton. "There is one room for men and one for women. I do not want to make the police station inviting, but still there should be ample room."

Y. W. C. A. PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE

M. U. Women Will Give a Treat for
Children of Happy Hollow.

The extension committee of the University Y. W. C. A., of which Miss Ruth Flowerree is chairman, will give a Christmas tree and program at Hinkson Chapel for the children of Happy Hollow the evening of December 23. The candy and oranges are to be donated by the merchants of Columbia, and the dolls have been dressed by the University women.

Misses Iva Pleas, Serena Atchison and Mary Robertson have charge of the program. Miss Hazel Evans has charge of soliciting the candy and oranges.

ELKS' TREE IS 35 FEET HIGH

Dr. A. W. McAllister Gives Cedar to
Hold Charity Presents.

The Christmas tree to be used in the annual celebration given by the Elks for all the poor children of Columbia was brought in yesterday from a farm four miles out of town. The tree, which is the gift of Dr. A. W. McAllister, is thirty-five feet high, with large spreading branches. It will be set up in the street in front of the Elks' Home on South Tenth street Thursday afternoon.

Pittsburgh Had Nothing on Columbia.

Anyone walking down Broadway this morning found out what an inconvenience soot is to the persons living in Pittsburgh. The soot got in one's eyes and ears, and then when he thought he was out of the soot territory, a big, soft, black substance would suddenly light on the tip of his nose—another clean handkerchief gone. Everyone tried to locate the cause of the rain of soot, but as soon as a smoking chimney was located, the owner of the building proceeded to prove an alibi.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature—lowest tonight about twenty-four degrees.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; moderate temperature.

Weather Conditions.
A marked high pressure wave is drifting eastward across the United States along southern latitudes, consequently mostly fair skies prevail from ocean to ocean, especially south of latitude 40. Temperatures approximate normal winter values, save in the Rio Grande watershed where it is exceptionally cold.

Precipitation of the last twenty-four hours fell over limited areas at widely separated points.

A low pressure wave is moving southward out of the British Northwest, and temperatures already have an upward tendency in the northern plateau region, at the same time skies are becoming overcast.

No marked changes are expected in Missouri weather for the next thirty-six hours or more.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 37 and the lowest last night was 24; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 40 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 24 and the lowest 12; precipitation, .04.

The Almanac.
Sun rose today, 7:24 a. m. Sun sets, 4:49 p. m.
Moon sets, 6:53 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	24	11 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	25	12 m.	36
9 a. m.	26	1 p. m.	38
10 a. m.	28	2 p. m.	40

AMERICANS ARE HELD

Newspaper Writer and Doc-
tor Taken by Bulgars at
Red Cross Station.

By United Press.

SALONIKI, Dec. 20.—The Bulgars have seized the Red Cross station at Monastir, tearing down the American flag, according to reports received here today. Mrs. Walter Farwell, an American newspaper woman, and Doctor Forbes of the American Red Cross are being held prisoners.

Two cars of flour and other provisions on the way to the Serbian lines have been taken by the Bulgars.

GRIP KEEPS 10 STUDENTS HERE

Unfortunates Are Spending Christmas
Holidays in the Hospital.

At least ten University students did not go home for the holidays. They are spending the vacation in the Parker Memorial Hospital, sick with the grip. They are: Misses Lucy Barnard and Juliet Green, H. P. Saunders, Reuben Davis, Frank S. Lee, Elbert C. Loren, Ellis N. Moore, Jawn Goo-Foy, Samuel Hurwitz and Alec C. Bayless. Manley O. Hudson, professor of law, who was dismissed from the hospital a few days ago, returned today, again with a bad case of grip.

Grip Invades Public Schools.

Columbia children, too, have their share of the grip. About a hundred cases have been reported in the grade schools and a few in the high school. None is serious.

WILL NOT HINDER FORTIFICATION

Greece Refuses to Interfere in De-
fense Plans at Saloniki.

By United Press.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Athens dispatches say today that Greece has positively refused to interfere with the Allies' plans of fortifying Saloniki. Fearing a German attack, the Greek forces and citizens are leaving Saloniki.

Gounaris' party, favoring Constantine's neutrality policy, was returned to power in the elections yesterday. Venizelos' followers, claiming that the election was illegal, refused to vote.

JUDGE H. C. McDUGAL DIES

Lawyer Recently Was Re-elected
Trustee of Historical Society.

Judge Henry Clay McDougal of Kansas City, lawyer and literary authority, died Friday night in Los Angeles, Cal. He was 71 years old. Before coming to Missouri in 1868, Mr. McDougal served as a Union private in the Civil War.

Judge McDougal had always taken a great interest in history. For many years he was a trustee of the state Historical Society and was re-elected at the meeting of the society here Friday, December 10.

S. W. JONES BURIED YESTERDAY

Funeral of Young Boone County Farm-
er Was at Dripping Springs.

The burial of Samuel Walter Jones, 29 years old, who died at his home in Gordon's addition Saturday, was held yesterday afternoon from Dripping Springs Church. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. B. F. Goslin. Mr. Jones was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jones. He was born in Boone County and spent his life farming.

Sale of Seals Brings \$30.48.

The women of the Christian Church sold \$30.48 worth of Red Cross Christmas seals at the postoffice Saturday.

BRITISH MAY ABANDON DARDANELLES ATTACK

Removal of Troops Thought
to Mean End of Campaign
Against Turks.

TO DEFEND EGYPT?

Forces May Meet Expected
Teutonic Advance or Aid
in Holding Saloniki.

By United Press.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—One hundred British troops have been withdrawn from Suva Bay, the Anzac regions and Gallipoli. It is thought that they have been removed either to Egypt to thwart a Turkish-German campaign that is expected to be made there or to aid in the defense of Saloniki.

There is no mention of the disposition of the troops on the southern end of the Gallipoli peninsula near Krithia.

The removal of these troops is thought to mean the abandonment of the entire Dardanelles campaign, which has been considered a failure.

COUNTY'S SANTA CLAUS, MAYBE

Washington, D. C., Attorney Writes of
Money U. S. Owes Boone.

Maybe Boone County is going to get a Christmas present. Reeves T. Strickland, a Washington, D. C., lawyer, has written the County Court, saying that in his opinion "Boone County has a claim to certain moneys against the United States."

Mr. Strickland offers to play the role of Santa Claus for 33 1-3 per cent of all the money he gets for Boone County from Uncle Sam without contest. If the Government objects to paying the part of the cheerful Christmas giver, Mr. Strickland asks 50 per cent of the funds he collects, which per cent he says in the letter received by the County Court yesterday is the usual fee for Washington attorneys.

As to the how of the I. O. U. from the United States to Boone County, the county judges don't know. Mr. Strickland mentioned in his letter only that he believes that money is due and that his commission for collecting same will be 33 1-3 or 50 per cent. He doesn't care to disclose his secrets until he is employed by the county. He doesn't even say how much money is due Boone County.

The county judges said today that they thought they would take a chance with Mr. Strickland.

GIVES A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Elementary School Has Stories, Songs
and Dances at Assembly.

The Christmas assembly of the University Elementary School was held Friday afternoon. In addition to the program, there was an exhibit of the work done in the manual training classes this year.

Following is the program: songs, "The First Christmas" and "Christmas in Mother Goose Land" by the school; dramatized story, "The Street Musicians" by grades one, two and three; folk dances, "The Bounding Heart" and "Gustaf Skol"; "How Uncle Sam Observes Christmas," Mary Gentry; dramatized story, "Toinette and the Elves," fourth grade; Germans songs, "Weihnacht" and "O Tannenbaum"; dance, "I See You," grades one, two and three; "St. George and the Dragon" and a series of folk dances and songs, by the school. Ruth Taylor told of the work that the students had done in contributing to the Red Cross fund.

CHILDREN AID "JIMMIE" STOWERS

Elementary School Makes Supplies
for War Hospital.

Not to be outdone by the others who have sent supplies to Dr. James E. Stowers' hospital in France, the pupils of the University Elementary School have made articles useful to a hospital and will forward them to Doctor Stowers as soon as possible. Some of the sewing on the articles was done by the girls of the University High School.

The articles that were made are three and one-half dozen bottle covers, one dozen large bandages and three and one-half dozen slings.

Sale on for Dr. Stowers' Hospital.

At noon today about \$250 worth of needlework had been sold by the women of the Millersburg Circle for the benefit of Dr. James E. Stowers' hospital at St. Valery, France. The sale will continue until after Christmas.